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for the

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31st D E C E M B E R, 1964.

OAKHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

1964

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my twenty-sixth Annual Report dealing with matters within my responsibility regarding public health and preventive medicine.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,250
Registrar General's estimate of population (mid year)					4,660
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1964				.....	1,545
Rateable Value at 31st December, 1964	.....			.....	£147,710
Nett product of a penny rate	.....	.....		.....	£575

VITAL STATISTICS

		M	F	Total
Live Births:	Legitimate	39	51	90
	Illegitimate	2	1	3
Still Births:	Legitimate	-	1	1
	Illegitimate	-	-	-

Birth Rate: 20.0

Death Rate: 13.9

Infant Mortality Rate
per 1,000 live births 10.7

There was only one death of an infant under one year of age.

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CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	2	-
Malignant Breast	-	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	3	1
Diabetes	1	-
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	5	6
Coronary Disease, Angina	3	1
Other heart disease	8	8
Other circulatory disease	2	3
Pneumonia	4	4
Bronchitis	2	-
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	1
Congenital malformations	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	-
Accidents, ~~MOTOR~~ VEHICLE	1	-
ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS	2	2
	<u>36</u>	<u>29</u>

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

1. PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

Medical Officer of Health - J. Young, M.B., Ch. B., D.P.H. Camb.

The Medical Officer of Health acted for the Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Districts in which this District is included.

Telephone No. - Melton Mowbray 3343.

Public Health Inspector - H. Tabberer, Certificate Royal Sanitary Institute.

Assistant " " Geo. Pawlett, M. Inst. Housing.

The Public Health Inspector is also Surveyor to the Council.

Telephone No. - Oakham 2575.

2. LABORATORY FACILITIES

The following examinations in your area were carried out during the year at the Public Health Laboratory, Leicester.

Nose and throat swabs	5
Faeces & urine	20
Sputa	8
Vaginal & cervical	2
Milk	1
Water	6
Miscellaneous	20
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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

<u>Water</u>	<u>Bacteriological</u>	<u>Chemical</u>
Number of Samples taken for Analysis:-		
(a) from wells	-	-
(b) from piped supply	4	-
(c) at source of public supply	-	-
Results of Samples taken:-		
(a) from wells - unsatisfactory	-	-
satisfactory	-	-
(b) from piped supply - unsatisfactory	-	-
satisfactory	4	-

All the public supply sources are outside the Urban District.

The public supply was unrestricted throughout the year, emergencies excepted, when parts of the district were shut off.

Leicester Corporation is responsible for the water supply.

Over 99.8% of the houses and of the population of the Urban District are supplied. In a few cases the water is not laid into the houses. These are mainly in an area scheduled for re-development. There are no public stand-pipes but in 7 cases taps are shared.

The fluoride content of the water is less than 0.2 p.p.m. and the Council decided at its meeting on 17th April, 1963 that no objection be raised to any proposal for the addition of fluoride to the water supply.

Two good houses with satisfactory piped private supplies are the only houses not on the public supply.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

No extensions to sewers have been made except for private housing developments.

There were at the end of 1964 14 houses not connected to the sewers but these are mainly in isolated parts, including 4 farm houses. Only one was capable of connection and this was done in 1965. Extensive enlargement and modification of the sewage disposal works are projected. The sewage from the villages of Barleythorpe and Eggleton is now dealt with here.

Closet Accommodation

There are no privies and only one chemical closet. There is, therefore, no nightsoil collection.

Number of pail closets abolished during the year - 2.

Public Cleansing

Refuse Disposal is by tipping in a disused ironstone quarry six miles from the town between Wing and Pilton. The last ashpit in Oakham was abolished several years ago.

The Council use an 18/22 Cubic Yard (compressing) refuse collection vehicle acquired late in 1962.

Smoke

No complaints have been received during the year. There are now no industrial chimneys.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the district.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The particulars given under this heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this Report.

Total number of complaints received	80 (including 66 of rats and mice)
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Total number of defects or nuisances discovered arising out of complaints	75 (-do- -do-)
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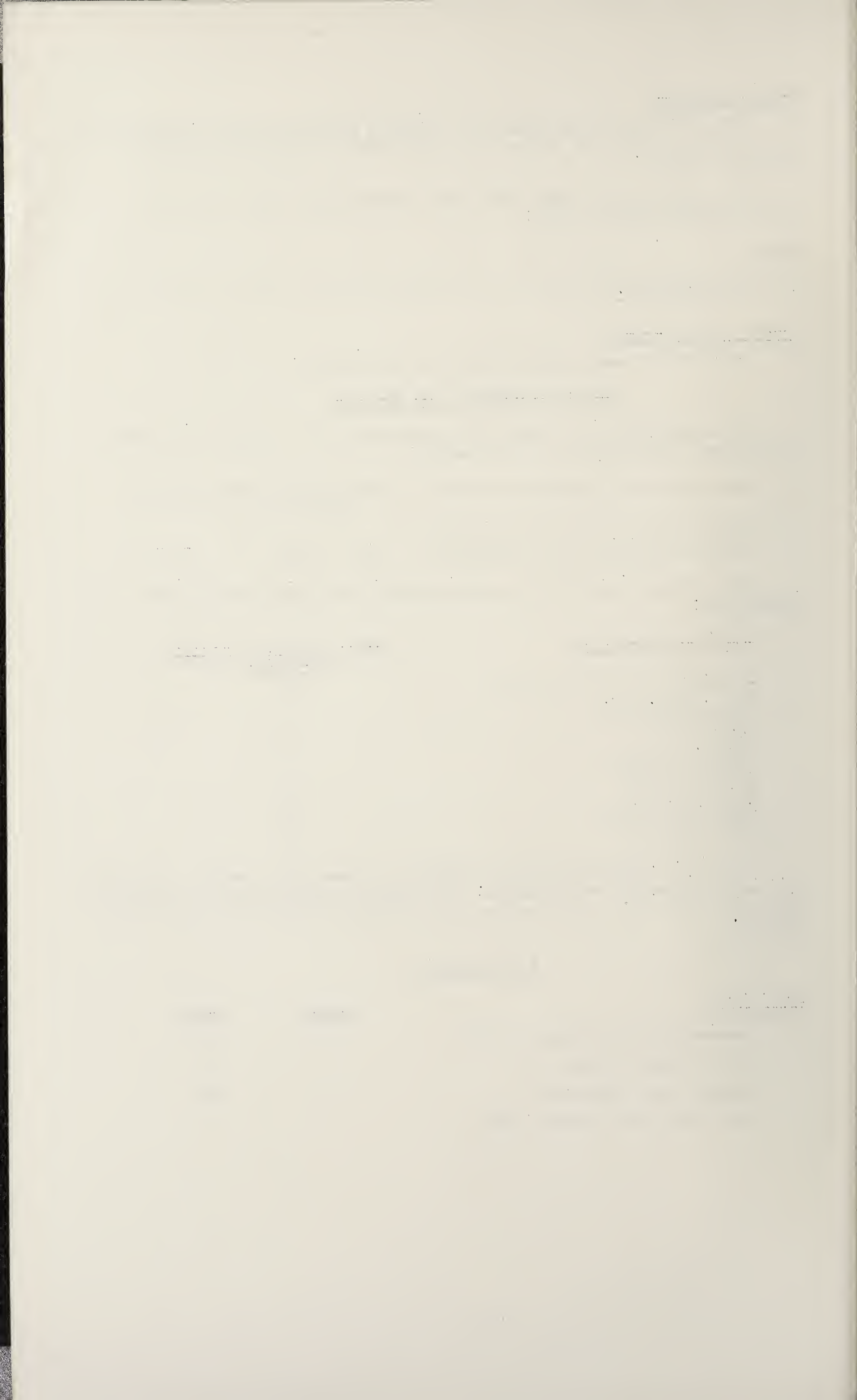
This does not include oral complaints which are usually dealt with immediately.

<u>Nature of Inspection</u>	<u>Number of Inspections and Re-visits</u>
Dwelling Houses (all purposes)	360
Tents, Vans, etc.	1
Food Premises	45
Dairies	9
Offensive Trades	-
Animal keeping	2
Factories, etc.	35
Shops and offices	79
Other premises	24

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act came into operation during the year and registration was completed, 86 premises being directly the concern of the Local Authority. Most premises will be found to comply to a great extent already.

N O T I C E S

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Other</u>
Outstanding on 1st January, 1964	2	1
Issued during the year	5	10
Complied with during year	5	10
Outstanding 31st December, 1964	2	1



<u>Statutory</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Other</u>
Outstanding 1st January, 1964	8	-
Issued during the year	7	1
Complied with during year	5	-
Outstanding 31st December, 1964	*10	1

*These outstanding cases are Demolition Orders where action is not complete, but only 2 of them were occupied at the end of the year.

Defects or Nuisances

Most of the work is done by letter, interview or telephone and few formal notices, either preliminary or statutory, are used.

CONTROL OF RATS

The Council, in conjunction with the Rural District Councils of Oakham, Uppingham, Ketton and Barnack, employ a Pest Control Officer. All complaints were promptly dealt with and at the end of the year there was little evidence of rats in the town. The number of complaints of rats was rather greater than usual. This was probably due to new developments at the S.E. end of the town.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

No cases of bed bugs came to notice.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

An open air swimming bath owned by Oakham School Trustees is loaned to the Council during the summer holidays. It has a pressure filter and chlorinator which works most of the time while the bath is in public use. Seven inspections were made during the season.

A modern indoor pool at the Vale of Catmose Village College is made available for public use. Two water samples were taken, one from shallow end and one from deep end. These proved satisfactory.

INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

At the end of the year there were five distributors and three premises registered. Six inspections of premises were made.

No action was found necessary under Regulation 20 - Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959.

Ice Cream

No Ice-cream is now made in Oakham, but twenty premises are registered for its sale.

Meat Shops, Meat Stores, etc.

Number of inspections 22.

There is now no slaughterhouse in the Urban District.

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part

Whole carcases condemned None

Carcases of which some part or
organ was condemned None

Food Premises in the Urban District in December consisted of:-

2 Cafes and a Dairy Shop
14 Licensed Premises (not including Clubs and Off Licences).
12 Retail Grocers, etc.
5 Butchers
4 Greengrocers
2 Fishmongers
4 Bakers and Pastrycooks
5 Sweets, etc.

Number of inspections 40.

Premises Registered Under Food & Drugs Act, 1955 Section 16 for Preparation

of Sausages, Potted Meats and Meat Pies 5

Preparation and sale of Fish and Chips 1

Disposal of Condemned Food

The small quantities involved were disposed of at the refuse tip.

32 lbs. canned pork and ham, mainly Continental, 2 lbs. ox tongue (Argentine)
and 7½ lbs. fruits were voluntarily surrendered as unfit.

Food Hygiene

Food premises in the town have been kept under observation during the year.
Advice has been given when necessary, and there have been no special difficulties.

There is a busy street market on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Some of the
stalls sell vegetables, fruit and other foods. It has rarely been found
necessary to draw attention to breaches of the Regulations and the stall holders
are generally ready to comply.

HOUSING

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which
Demolition Orders were made:- 7

Closing Orders made:- -

Number of dwelling houses demolished in
pursuance of Demolition or Clearance Orders:- 5

Occupied houses with operative Demolition or
Closing Orders:- 2

Two cases of overcrowding were abated during the year involving 2 families and 16 persons. No cases of overcrowding were known at the end of the year.

There were (at 31st December, 1964) 130 Oakham applicants for Council Houses. Twenty of these were sharing houses with parents or others.

Most of the new privately built houses were occupied by people from away. The waiting list is higher than for some years.

There is also a demand for houses from people outside the Urban District, many of whom work in the town.

At the end of 1964 the Council owned 466 houses and flats, ten temporary bungalows and three old houses acquired in William Dalby Street, Westgate Street and Dean Street. Thus 30% of the houses are controlled by the Council. Three closed houses are held by the Council for demolition.

All the Council's pre-war houses are now fitted with hot water systems and washbasins.

In fifteen cases, houses were improved with Grant Aid under the Housing Acts.

Grants have been approved in 6 other cases.

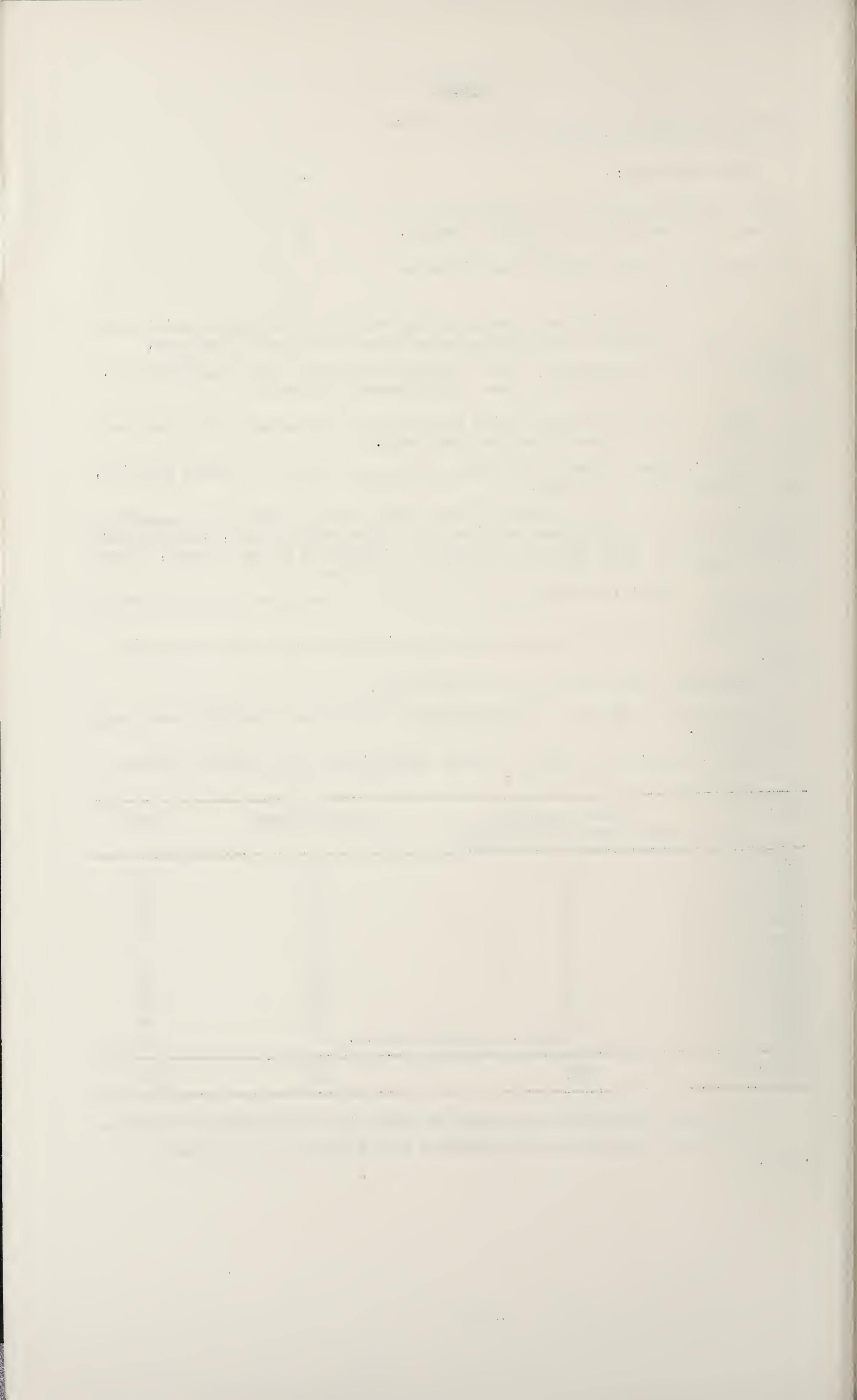
At the end of the year 6 Council flats and 89 Private dwellings were under construction.

The following table shows new house completions in the last ten years:-

Year	Houses completed other than by the Council	Council Houses	Total
1955	15	4	19
1956	12	8	20
1957	8	2	10
1958	7	14	21
1959	2	-	2
1960	3	21	24
1961	15	21	36
1962	17	63	80
1963	38	8	46
1964	74 incl. 3 by Rutland C.C.	1	75
TOTAL:-	191	142	333

In the same period there were over 60 demolitions and closures of houses.

Over 47% of the houses in the district have been built in the last 30 years.



PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND
OTHER DISEASES

(1) Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1964

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Measles	5	-	-

AGE GROUPS

Disease	Under 1	1 2	2 3	3 4	4 5	5 10	10 15	15 20	20 35	35 45	45 65	65 and over
Measles	-	-	1	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-

T U B E R C U L O S I S

Age Group	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

No formal action was found necessary during the year.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN YOUNG.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Warwick Lodge,
MELTON MOWBRAY.

Date		Description		Amount	
1890	Jan 1	Balance		100.00	
	Feb 1	Received from A. B.		50.00	
	Mar 1	Received from C. D.		25.00	
	Apr 1	Received from E. F.		75.00	
	May 1	Received from G. H.		100.00	
	Jun 1	Received from I. J.		150.00	
	Jul 1	Received from K. L.		200.00	
	Aug 1	Received from M. N.		250.00	
	Sep 1	Received from O. P.		300.00	
	Oct 1	Received from Q. R.		350.00	
	Nov 1	Received from S. T.		400.00	
	Dec 1	Received from U. V.		450.00	
	Total			2000.00	

APPENDIX

Factories Act, 1961

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

I - INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provision as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspec- tions. (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	6	7	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	31	22	1	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' Premises.)	5	6	-	-
TOTAL:-	42	35	1	-

II - CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prose- cutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:-					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	-	-	1	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relat- ing to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:-	1	-	-	1	-

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PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out- workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in send- ing lists to the Council	No. of Prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises	Notices served	Prose- cutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel Making, etc.	39	1	-	-	-	-
Plastic & Plastic articles	9	1	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:-	48	2	-	-	-	-

